

Miami Watercolor Society



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WATER MARKS

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2018 Calendar of Events

- January 14 Painting photography 12:30-1:30 PM**
Have your work photographed - \$10
This session is for MWS members who don't know how to photograph or size their work for a digital entry.
Pinecrest Community Center
- January 14 General Meeting: 1:30 - 3:30 PM**
Golden Paint demo/Eydi Lamposana
Pinecrest Community Center
- January 18 Paint-Out, 10 am – 2pm
at Goldcoast Railroad Museum**
- January 21 Watercolor Class, Jan De Jong, batik
12:30 - 3:30 PM**
Pinecrest Community Center
- Feb. 11 General Meeting: 1:30 - 3:30 PM**
Jennifer Walls demo
Pinecrest Community Center
DEADLINE TO ENTER SPRING SHOW
- Feb 18 Watercolor Class, Marilyn Johansen
12:30 - 3:30 PM**
Pinecrest Community Center
- March 11 General Meeting: 1:30 - 3:30 PM**
Stan Kurth demo
Pinecrest Community Center
- March 12-15 Stan Kurth Workshop**
Suniland Park
- March 15 Paint-Out, 10 am – 2pm
at Bill Sadowski Park**

January meeting will feature a demo of Golden Paints by Eydi Lamposana.

Eydi presented this a few years ago and the demo reviewed the water soluble paints made by Golden. We loved this demo, don't miss it!

Happy New Year!

It is membership renewal time

Just \$45 to renew your MWS membership, which is now due.

You can renew in one of three ways:

- 1) On Line under "Membership" tab
- 2) Pay at the January meeting with a check or cash
- 3) Send a check to:
Miami Watercolor Society
P.O. Box 561953
Miami, Florida 33256-1953

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE BY-LAWS INCLUDE A 'TERMINATION OF STATUS' FOR NON PAYMENT.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING:

Non-payment of dues within the calendar year terminates membership status, including Participating and/or Signature status.

A member may reinstate Participating and/or Signature member status, up to the past three (3) years, by fulfilling the membership requirements again and paying current dues in addition to the past due memberships.

If you drop your membership, you will pay the higher fee to enter the shows.

If you joined MWS **after** September 2017 your 2018 membership is included.

If you have an questions, please contact Andi Miller 305-342-7062.

Welcome New Members!

Fabiano Santos, Meudy Armada

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Pinecrest Community Center • 5855 SW 111 Street, Pinecrest FL 33156

Second Sunday of each month, September through May. 1:30 – 3:30 P.M. Public is welcome.

Happy New Year!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-PRESIDENT
Bettyann Pober

Since we are at the beginning the New Year, and the president's message is to be somewhat 'inspirational', I thought I'd use the words of some famous folk. I hope that these quotes will motivate you, will lead to a new way of thinking, or will simply confirm what you already know. I assume that many of you already have your own favorites. Here are some quotes that might be new to you or that you can add to your repertoire:

"Art is a lie that makes us realize the truth."

- Pablo Picasso

"Creativity takes courage."

- Henri Matisse

"The richness I achieve comes from nature, the source of my inspiration." -Claude Monet

"Every artist was first an amateur."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Painting is easy when you don't know how, but very difficult when you do."

- Edgar Degas

"I never paint dreams or nightmares, I paint my own reality." - Frida Kahlo

"You can't wait for inspiration, you have to go after it with a club." - Jack London

"Painting is an attempt to come to terms with life. There are as many solutions as there are human beings." George Tooker

And last but not least in the immortal words of the cartoon character, Calvin, from Calvin and Hobbes: **"As my artist's statement explains, my work is utterly incomprehensible and is therefore full of deep significance."**

HAPPY PAINTING FOR 2018!

Bettyann



Important News about Spring Show Entry

To make the process more affordable, the MWS Board has decided to change the way we judge the shows. Beginning in 2018, how to enter MWS judged shows will be different than before. To enter, you upload 1 or 2 jpeg images of your painting(s). The judge will review the entries on-line and make a selection of accepted paintings from the uploaded images. You will be notified as to which painting has been accepted. Bonus! You only have to frame 1, not 2, paintings! You then have the selected work framed and bring it to the meeting where the same judge will select the winners.

The schedule will be as follows:

Feb. 11 – deadline to upload jpeg images to the entry website.

February 25 – you will be notified as to which painting has been accepted to the show.

March 11 – bring the framed painting to be judged for awards. Then bring the painting home and wait for the date to bring it to the gallery to be hung for the Spring Show.

The photos of your entries must be good! We have scheduled a session before the January 14th General Meeting for you to bring your paintings to be photographed for a fee of \$10. each.

January Photography Opportunity

With the new process of submitting your paintings as electronic (jpeg) files to be judged, it is important to send the best images possible of your work.

This session is for MWS members that don't know how to photograph or size their work for a digital entry. Bring one or two paintings on January 14th, before the general meeting, beginning at 12:30 pm, (1 hour before meeting) to be photographed by our own Diane Lary for \$10. each. Includes sizing, cropping and adjusting contrast/levels and color saturation. (A bargain - usually costs \$25!)

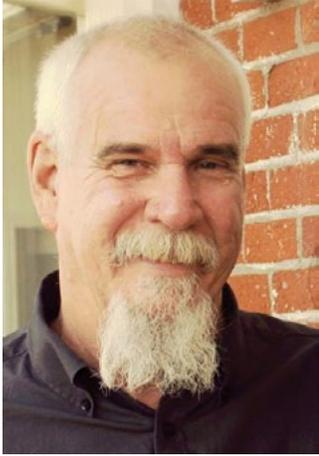
Bring unframed paintings taped to a rigid surface, and make sure it is flat.

A method to make a painting flat if it isn't already:

- Turn painting over on clean surface (I use a clean piece of foam core which is larger than the painting)
- Spray back with clear water
- Using clean paint brush spread the water evenly over complete surface (back of painting)
- Don't want puddles, just moisten everywhere, looking at the surface sideways to see it is fully covered with a thin layer of moisture
- Put another clean piece of foam core over the painting
- Place several heavy books (I use old text books) over the entire area (4 - 6 depending on size)
- Let dry for 1 - 2 days then remove books and foam core, check if dry, if not leave for another day

Spring Workshop '18

Supply List will be on-line at miamiwatercolor.org/happenings/workshops/
SIGN UP FOR THE SPRING WORKSHOP ON LINE!

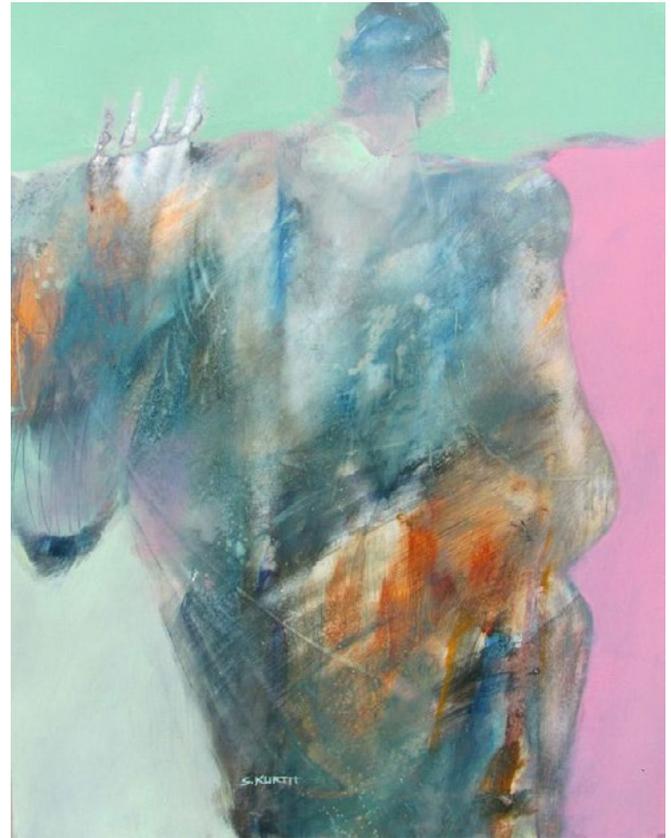


Stan Kurth
March 12 -15, 2018
Suniland Park,
Pinecrest
Freedom in
Watermedia

Stan has drawn and painted most all of his life, and lives with the conviction "fear not" as he evolves in his work. His art is represented in private, public and corporate collections. He has shown and won awards in numerous regional, national and international juried exhibitions. He is a signature member of the National Watercolor Society, San Diego Watercolor Society, Western Federation of Watercolor Societies,



Contemporary Watercolorists of Arizona and Arizona Watercolor Association. His work has been featured in American Artist Watercolor and Watercolor Artist. He teaches workshops and shares his process with many artist communities and organizations.



"There's a complex simplicity in Stan Kurth's paintings that is both paradoxical and straightforward. As he works with multiple layers of watercolor and gesso, his provocative images emerge. Ambiguity and form coalesce into a singular, cohesive vision that holds the viewer spellbound".



Dates: March 12 - 15, 2018
Location: Suniland Park
12855 Pinecrest Parkway (US1), Pinecrest FL
Time: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Early Bird Prices through Feb. 28, 2018:

MWS Members \$315
Non-members \$375 (join MWS and save \$15)

Prices after March 1

MWS Members \$345
Non-members \$405 (join MWS and save \$15)

Upcoming Paint Outs

Jan. 18, 2018 – Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden
 February 15, 2018 – Matheson Hammock Park
 March 15, 2018 – Bill Sadowski Park
Meets 10 am–2 pm. See you then! – Judy Brown



Seen in Neighbors on 12-17-17

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

Miami Watercolor Society presents awards to young artists



BY CHRISTINA MAYO
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Hundreds of students, parents, teachers, friends and community leaders gathered at the 32nd annual "Impressions in Watercolor Exhibition" awards reception Nov. 16 at the Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center.

The Miami Watercolor Society sponsors the children's watercolor painting showcase, where the group presents awards to young artists.

More than 300 watercolor paintings by Miami-Dade County Public Schools students, kindergarten through 12th grade, were selected for the exhibition in the one medium show. This year's Purchase Award Winner is Yudiel Garcia, a senior at South Miami Senior High School.

Attending were Miami Watercolor Society's Karon Gorham and Dottie Greene, the art show founder. Lizzy Hunter, art teacher at South Miami Senior High School, and Maidorys Garcia, the artist's mother, also celebrated at the event with Yudiel, who has always loved painting.

"Both my parents are athletes, and because I'm tall, everyone assumed I'd

be a basketball player, but I've always been an artist," Yudiel said in email.

To learn more and see upcoming events involving watercolor classes and exhibitions, visit <http://miamiwatercolor.org/>.

JOSHUA'S HEART FOUNDATION

Miami resident Joshua Williams, 16, is the CEO and founder of Joshua's Heart Foundation. The Ransom Everglades senior said he saw his first homeless person when he was 4 and decided to do something about it.

Joshua has become a hero to the one in six Americans who face hunger. His foundation has distributed more than 1.6 million pounds of food and assisted more than 400,000 individuals, according to his website.

He has also recruited more than 12,500 youth volunteers, raised more than \$500,000 for Stomp Out Hunger, and donated more than 100,000 toys, books and clothes.

Joshua is currently the subject of a new Foundation for a Better Life "Pass It On" campaign that highlights the values of giving. He is the campaign's first ambassador that shows how ordinary people can do extraordinary things.

You can watch the inspiring "Pass It On" video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QIBN0u5m5M>. The commercial featuring Joshua telling his story about combating homelessness and hunger debuted



Celebrating at the Miami Watercolor Society exhibition are Maidorys Garcia, mother of the winning artist; Mabel Morales, District Supervisor of Visual Arts, Miami-Dade County Public Schools; Yudiel Garcia, this year's Purchase Award Winner; Lizzy Hunter, art teacher at South Miami Senior High School; Dottie Greene, art show founder; and Karon Gorham, Miami Watercolor Society.

Oct. 4 in movie theaters and on national television.

Recently, the Joshua's Heart Thanksgiving distribution and family volunteer day on Nov. 18 was a huge success. Joshua's Heart distributed 728 turkeys along with groceries to Miami families in need.

PALACE RESIDENTS ARE MOVIE STARS

Seniors, ages 85 to 103 years, are seeing their names on the movie screen. They appear in the new documentary film "The 13th floor" that was produced and directed by

Miamian Mel Gorham. The film premiered at The Palace Coral Gables, and Gorham, along with her Great Dane Isabella and the film's cinematographer, Cody Brinson, was in attendance to celebrate with the "young" stars.

Gorham said she was inspired by her 89-year-old father, Sanford "Sandy" Shier, who is a resident of The Palace Suites – Kendall. In her film, Gorham interviews seniors and asks about their philosophies of life. Subjects that are not usually discussed are included in the film that uses a "French noir" film technique reminiscent of the black and white movies of the 1960s.

"I was able to express myself and my inner feel-

Watercolor Classes

Watercolor Classes are offered by MWS members in a relaxed and comfortable setting. These classes are taught by our most accomplished and awarded watercolor artists. We offer instruction for all levels on various techniques and subjects. Make sure you look at the newsletter every month to see what the teacher will focus on. **You never know how much more you can stretch as an artist, so join us on the third Sunday afternoon of the month at the Pinecrest Community Center from 12:30-3:30!**

If you'd like to take the class and plan to attend the monthly meeting, you may also pay at the meeting. Class fee: \$25 for members/\$35 for non-members. If you have not paid in advance, you can go on the 3rd Sunday of the month and pay a member of the board, who will be there to receive your payment. New members receive 1 free class when they join, which must be used in the first year of joining. miamiwatercolor.org/calendar/ for up-to-date information. REGISTER ON-LINE. No watercolor class in December or May.

Jan. – Jan De Jong

Feb. – Marilyn Johansen

March – Terry Mulrooney

April – Lionel Sanchez

At next South Miami Art Walk:

Jedda Wong and daughter Sophie Wong will have a joint show at the Audubon House next month. Reception will be on Friday, February 9th, 6-8pm. Address is 5530 Sunset Dr., just east of Red Rd.

Members Who Teach

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Our Mission...

The Miami Watercolor Society, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose membership consists of a broad spectrum of water media painters ranging from professionals, teachers and those who simply paint for the joy of it, as well as patrons of the arts. This culturally diverse Society informs and educates members and others by providing exhibitions, community education, students' exhibitions, senior citizens' activities, demonstrations, and publications.

Providing over 30 years of artistic inspiration for water media artists!



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MWS on Facebook!

MWS is on Facebook and has 701 friends! If you have a Facebook page, please look up **MWS-Miami Watercolor Society** and give the page a "like".

PLEASE invite your friends to like us too. You and your friends will be able to stay informed on all MWS happenings plus enjoy the photos and tips we share!

www.facebook.com/MiamiWatercolorSociety

PLEASE send your art news to share on the MWS Facebook page to: rosiebrown1021@yahoo.com

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